



Ascension Lutheran Church
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, February 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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Welcome to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

NURSERY AVAILABLE We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

Holy Communion is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

For those wishing to commune at the Lords Table with us today:

The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. (*Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*)

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: *La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)*

+ PREPARATION +

Theme: “Get Behind Me, Satan! I’m Baptized!”

As We Gather: We focus today our attention on the Gospel reading from Mark 1, where Jesus is baptized and then sent into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. In our lives, we face temptations just as Jesus faced. Just as Jesus can remember His Baptism and the Father’s words to Him, “You are My beloved Son,” so too when Satan tempts us, we remember our Baptism. We remember the Father’s words to us that we are His beloved children, that we are forgiven in Jesus.

Prelude

Welcome

Father Welcomes

Refrain **Father welcomes all His children
 To His fam'ly through His Son.
 Father giving His salvation,
 Life forever has been won.**

- 1 Little children, come to Me,
 For My kingdom is of these.
 Life and love I have to give,
 Mercy for your sin. **(refrain)**

- 2 In the water, in the Word,
 In His promise, be assured:
 Those who are baptized and believe
 Shall be born again. **(refrain)**

- 3 Let us daily die to sin;
 Let us daily rise with Him,
 Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
 Live in the peace of God. **(refrain)**

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

- P** It was in this triune name of God that we were baptized—
C **the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
- P** As we begin our Lenten journey, we remember our Baptism.
C **We remember we were washed and forgiven.**
- P** We remember we were made members of God's family.
C **We remember we were united with Jesus.**

Confession and Absolution

P Though we are baptized and united with Jesus, we often act as if we were separated from Jesus. There are times when we fall prey to Satan and his temptations. There are times when sin reigns within us. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in repentance, asking for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,
C **we have ignored Your help in resisting Satan and His temptations. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Yet our entire lives are lives of repentance. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, and lead us in righteousness, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to endure temptation, suffering, and death for us and our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We are forgiven. We are baptized into Christ.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You endured the temptations of Satan in the wilderness. Be present with us on our Lenten journey toward the cross and empty tomb, always mindful of our identity as those baptized in Your name, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sharing The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

Old Testament

Genesis 3:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

James 1:12-18 (ESV)

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." ¹²The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. ¹³And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
(tune: Christ, the Life of All the Living)

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!

- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.

Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

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Sermon
"I AM BAPTIZED"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Mark 1:9-15

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism from Luther's Small Catechism

- P** What is Baptism?
C **Baptism is not only plain water, but it is the water set in God's command and joined to God's Word.**

- P** Which is that word of God?
- C** **Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” [Matthew 28:19]**
- P** What is the gift or benefit of Baptism?
- C** **It brings about forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**
- P** Which are these words and promises of God?
- C** **Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” [Mark 16:16]**
- P** What does such baptizing with water signify?
- C** **It signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily remorse and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new person should daily come forth and arise, to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**
- P** Where is this written?
- C** **St. Paul says in Romans chapter six: “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” [Romans 6:4]**

Tithes and Offerings

(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)

(8:30) A Willing Heart

(based on Psalm 51:10-12)

Tom Fettke

Ascension Choir

*Create in me a pure heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a pure heart, O God.
May Your Spirit and presence be near me.*

*And restore unto me the Joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me with Your gracious Spirit.*

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Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You are our sword and shield against the attacks of Satan. As we journey through this Lenten season, protect us from the assaults of the devil, remind us of our Baptism, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, every good and perfect gift comes from You. Thank You for the many blessings You have poured into our lives. Help us to accept what You give and ask for what we need. Protect us from a life of discontent and lead us toward a life of gratitude. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, we pray for all those who are not yet baptized into Christ, that the Spirit would lead them toward the promises of Baptism and the family of the church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, we pray for our nation and its leaders. For President Biden and Vice President Harris and their staffs, for Congress and all lawmakers, for the Supreme Court and all judges. We pray that You, Lord, would make Your ways and paths known to them, that You would lead them in the truth and teach them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially...Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord God, thank You for the blessings You richly bestow, and we rejoice with those celebrating this week... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

(11:00am service, please turn to page 14 for the benediction.)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**We believe in the real presence of the body and
blood of Christ in Holy Communion.**

Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.

*(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do
not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees.

(chorus)

When I fall on my knees,

With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. **(chorus)**

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees. **(chorus)**

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
In the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
He, the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suff'ring,
Never trace, nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory;
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him.
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope.
Christ, in power resurrected,
As we will be when He comes.

(ending)

What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope.
Christ, in power resurrected,
As we will be when He comes.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Help us to resist temptation by daily reminding us of our identity as Your baptized children; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Announcements

(See the FYI in the back of the Bulletin for more information.)

Christ Be My Leader

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Remember you can make anonymous donations in the offering plate. Please note “Bells” clearly on any donations.

† LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNERS

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 6:00pm – Casserole Potluck

Wednesday, Mar. 6, at 6:00pm – Mexican Potluck

Wednesday, Mar. 20 at 6:00pm – Italian Potluck

† THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program engages Thrivent clients and Thrivent Member Networks by providing grants to support their favorite churches, nonprofit organizations and causes. To direct your CHOICE Dollars online, visit: thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by phone: 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say “Thrivent Choice.” Direct your dollars before time runs out!

† YOU'RE INVITED TO A WEDDING SHOWER

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the upcoming wedding of Hana Laughton and Colin Brandt. A light lunch will be served.

WHEN: February 24 at 1:00pm.

WHERE: Trinity Lutheran Church Gym

THEME: God, Home, Love

Please R.S.V.P. to Joyce Twiss: 503-891-4483 no later than Feb. 17.

† PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy — Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (nephew of Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., FEB. 18, 2024

| | 8:30am | 11:00am |
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| Elder: | Herb Hoefler | John Hazen |
| Acolytes: | NEEDED | Alex Hodges |
| Ushers: | Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder NEEDED | Johnnie Driessner Paul Walter |
| Audio/Visual: | Stan Chapulis | J. E. Knox |
| PowerPoint: | Debbie Rekdahl | Rosemary Knox |
| Greeters: | Norma Dillon Jean Dillon | Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez |
| Readers: | Peggy Hall | Johnnie Driessner |
| Altar Guild: | Both Services | Jan Oswald |
| Flowers: | Both Services | NEEDED |
| Counters: | Both Services | Dave and Jan Oswald |
| Sunday School | 9:45am | Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle |

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUNDAY, FEB. 25, 2024

| | 8:30am | 11:00am |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Elder: | Dave Oswald | Bruce Blubaum |
| Acolytes: | NEEDED | Lily Hodges |
| Ushers: | Jim Eckart NEEDED | Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Eric Kreps Evan Kreps |
| Audio/Visual: | Stan Chapulis | NEEDED |
| PowerPoint: | Wanda Cassetty | Rebecca Williamson |
| Greeters: | Sheryl Maier | Celia Kreps |
| Readers: | Jim Eckart | Karon Keup |
| Altar Guild: | Both Services | Virginia Jacobs |
| Flowers: | Both Services | Gertrude Bublies |
| Counters: | Both Services | Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier |
| Sunday School | 9:45am | Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham |

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., FEB. 18 – SAT., FEB. 24

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| Sunday, Feb. 18 | 8:30am | Worship w/ Communion |
| | 9:45am | Education Hour |
| | 11:00am | Worship |
| | 12:15pm | Chime Practice |
| | 5:00pm | Spanish Worship |
| Tuesday, Feb. 20 | 6:00pm | 3:10 Group |
| Wednesday, Feb. 21 | 2:00pm | Crafting Get-Together |
| | 3:30pm | Lent Midweek 1 Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Potluck Dinner - Casseroles |
| | 7:00pm | Lent Midweek 1 Worship |
| Thursday, Feb. 22 | | NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE |
| | 6:00pm | Praise Team Practice |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Practice |
| Friday, Feb. 23 | 6:30pm | Noche Familiar |
| | 7:00pm | Youth Group |
| Saturday, Feb. 24 | 10:00am | Confirmation |
| | 2:00pm | Lenetta Colbert Memorial |

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., FEB. 25 – SAT., MARCH 2

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|---------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Sunday, Feb. 25 | 8:30am | Worship |
| | 9:45am | Education Hour |
| | 11:00am | Worship w/ Communion |
| | 12:15pm | Chime Practice |
| | 5:00pm | Spanish Worship w/ Comm. |
| Wednesday, Feb. 28 | 2:00pm | Crafting Get-Together |
| | 3:30pm | Lent Midweek 2 Worship |
| | 6:00pm | NO DINNER THIS WEEK |
| | 7:00pm | Lent Midweek 2 Worship |
| Thursday, Feb. 29 | 6:00pm | Praise Team Practice |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Practice |
| Friday, Mar. 1 | 6:30pm | Noche Familiar |
| | 7:00pm | Youth Group |
| Saturday, Mar. 2 | 1:00pm | Confirmation |

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, FEB. 18– SATURDAY, FEB. 24

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

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|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Sarah Hermans | Feb. 18 | Alma Bangs | Feb. 22 |
| Bruce Blubaum | Feb. 24 | Gabriel Woods | Feb. 24 |

BIRTHDAYS:

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|-----------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Jennifer Netsch | Feb. 18 | Tracy Schaffer | Feb. 18 |
| Marcia Bryant | Feb. 19 | Angel Mukul Aguilar | Feb. 23 |
| Bradley Grosz | Feb. 24 | Evan Kreps | Feb. 24 |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The family of Kevin McInaney, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Carol Hoefler, Gina Kreps, Brit and Brenna Meyer, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mike Hatley, *Lorraine Haggard, *Carolyn Barendse, *Home Bound.

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Our Mission Statement:

~Go and Share Jesus Christ~

Our Vision Statement:

“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission.”

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God—the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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